

"As I have stated many times recently, with the current downturn in state revenues, it is neither prudent nor appropriate to embark on new or expanded programs at this time." Now there are two things, glaring things wrong with that sentence. First of all as Senator Kahle pointed out, this is not a new program or an expanded program. The second thing is we just passed a bill not too long ago that is going to embark us on an entirely new program, one that we have debated for the last three years in here on, one that is very controversial in this state, and, of course, that is for the vet college. The Governor had no hesitation in signing that. I think it is rather strange. I think there is some lack of consistency here somehow. The other thing that I think we need to look at is the last sentence that says, "I believe that our over-all property tax relief efforts have been commendable." Well, all I can say is the Governor is obviously not paying property taxes on the mansion. Maybe the way to make the Governor of the State of Nebraska realize that property taxes, even though we don't levy them from the state level any more, are still some of the responsibilities that we should look at is to cause the Governor to pay property taxes on the house that he lives in. Maybe if the property taxes were paid on the mansion by the Governor of this state, then the property taxpayers' burdens would be felt a little more closely to home. I don't think our efforts have been that commendable as far as property taxes are concerned and I certainly, I certainly urge this body, to vote to override the Governor. As Senator Koch pointed out a little bit ago, I think we are whistling in the wind. I watched the votes in this body, also, Senator Koch. I saw amendments adopted and fifteen minutes later saw amendments taken back off and I know that their votes were here the other day but I think that we all recognize that there has been some strings pulled from outside those glass doors and those votes are not there any more. But I think that the public is watching and the public can read as well as anybody else, and those that vote aye one time and vote nay another time will be recognized. Thank you, Mr. President.

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SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I rise to support my position on LB 39 which was that it should not be enacted. Those that have spoke of property tax relief, I would suggest probably that is